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Love STORY!!

Art / Story **KAZUNE
KAWAHARA**
ARUKO



Shojo Beat

MY Love STORY!!

Story KAZUNE
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MY *love* STORY!!



STORY Thus Far...

Takeo Goda, a first-year high school student, is a hot-blooded guy who is 6'6" tall and weighs 265 pounds. Boys look up to him, but the girls he falls in love with all end up liking his handsome best friend, Makoto Sunakawa! But that all changes when Takeo saves Rinko Yamato from a groper on the train, and she becomes his girlfriend.

When Takeo meets Yamato's parents for the first time at their home, nervousness makes him awkward—and it doesn't help that her dog bites him! But in the end, he and her family make good impressions on each other.

Meanwhile, Makoto's sister Ai has been consistently rebuffing Oda's romantic advances. Lately, though, she's begun to realize that she's more drawn to him than before, and their relationship gets a little better.

Now that it's summer, Yamato starts working at a pastry shop, where she's surrounded by people doing work she's always dreamed of. Takeo quietly keeps an eye on her, and he discovers that a handsome pastry chef named Ichinose is taking an interest in Yamato—and being overly familiar by calling her by her first name!

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HE
SURE
WAS
GOOD-
LOOKING.

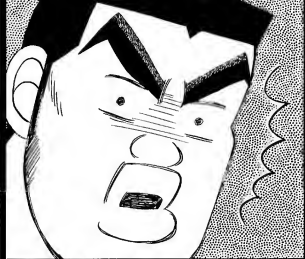
"RINKO!"

WHO
WAS
THAT
GUY?

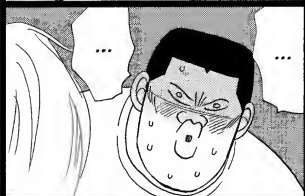
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MY love
STORY!!





YOU
CAN USE
HER FIRST
NAME TOO,
YOU KNOW.



YOU'RE
THAT SHY,
HUH?

IT'D
MAKE
YOU
NERVOUS
TOO!

WOULDN'T
IT?!



BUT DON'T
YOU THINK
SHE'D LIKE
HAVING YOU
CALL HER BY
HER FIRST
NAME?

SHIVER

MAKOTO...

IT'S
NOT
EASY
FOR
ME.

I'M
NOT
CUT
OUT
FOR
THIS.

SEE?!
I KNEW SHE
WOULDN'T!

SO
WHAT
?!

UH, THIS IS
A PRETTY
DIFFERENT
SITUATION.



WOOOW!
THAT'S
INCREDI-
BLE!

CLAP
CLAP



I
KNOW
THAT.

THINGS
THAT ARE
HARD FOR
ME ARE
EASY FOR
SOME
OTHER
PEOPLE.



IT
CAN'T HURT.
WE'RE NOT
SELLING
THESE
ANYWAY.



OKAY!

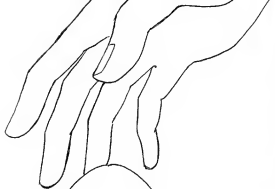


IT'S
SIMPLE,
REALLY.

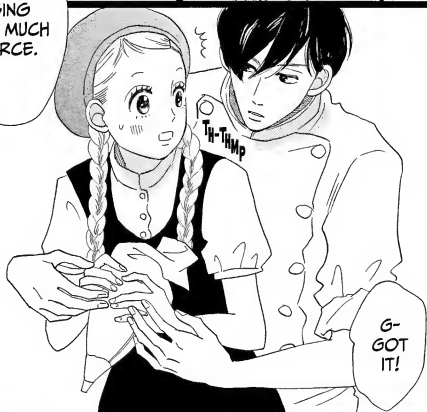
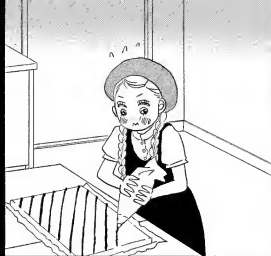
NO, IT'S
AMAZING!
I CAN'T DO IT
THAT FAST, AND
MY RESULTS
DON'T LOOK
ANYWHERE NEAR
AS BEAUTIFUL
AS YOURS!

HUH?

WHY NOT
GIVE IT A
SHOT?



YOU'RE
USING
TOO MUCH
FORCE.





SURE.



YOU
CAN
EAT
IT.

IT
CAME
OUT
SO
WELL!

I'VE
NEVER
MADE
ANYTHING
THIS BIG
BEFORE!



...

WHAT?
REALLY?



OH?



ACTUALLY...
CAN I TAKE
IT HOME
WITH ME?

I WANT
SOMEONE
TO TRY
IT...



OKAY.
JUST DON'T
TELL THE
MANAGER.

I'LL SET
IT ASIDE
FOR YOU.

SOME-
ONE AT
HOME
?

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

ALL
RIGHT!
TIME
TO GO
SELL
YOUR
CAKES!

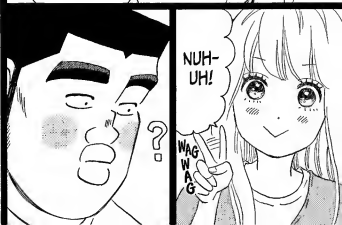


...
FOR
YOU
!!

I'LL
SELL
YOUR
CAKES

...







HA HA!
NOPE,
NOT
EXACTLY.

IS
SHE A
GENIUS
?!

WAS IT
PART OF
YOUR JOB
TRAINING?

THAT'S
AMAZING!

SHE
MADE
THIS?!



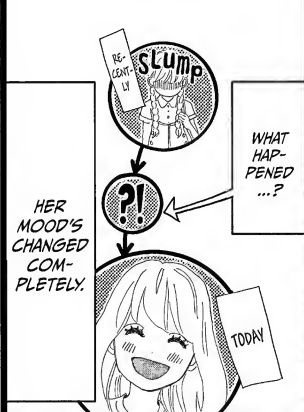
A PASTRY
CHEF NAMED
ICHINOSE
SHOWED ME
HOW TO
DO IT!

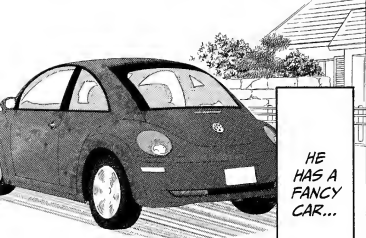
PASTRY
CHEFS ARE
BRILLIANT!

I
REALLY
ADMIRE
THEM!

IT
TURNS OUT
EVEN A TINY
CHANGE IN
HOW MUCH
PRESSURE
YOU USE
MAKES A HUGE
DIFFERENCE!

THAT
HAND-
SOME
GUY,
HUH?





HE
HAS A
FANCY
CAR...



WOW,
WHAT
A CUTE
LITTLE
CAR.

HE'S
GOOD-
LOOKING...

HE'S A
PASTRY
CHEF...



I CUT
THEM
MYSELF,
SO
THEY'RE
A BIT
CROOKED.



WANT
TO TRY
SOME,
TAKEO?
♪



S-
SURE.



YOU
DON'T
LIKE
IT...?



IT'S
SO
DELI-
CIOUS...



CRAP...



WHEW!



NO,
IT'S
GREAT!

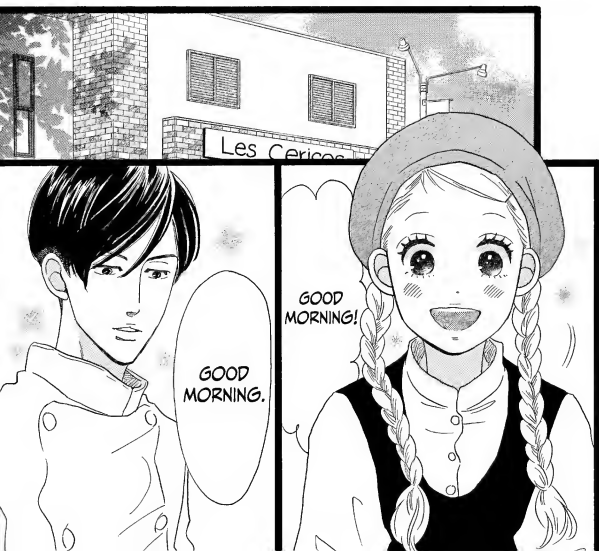


OH!



I WAS
REALLY
EXCITED
FOR YOU
TO TRY
IT!







DID THE
PERSON YOU
TOOK THE
CAKE FOR
YESTERDAY
LIKE IT?

AT
FIRST HE
THOUGHT
I BOUGHT
IT.

UH-
HUH!



TAKEO...

FSSH

BECAUSE
IF I WAS
HOME, I'D
BE DE-
PRESSED!

MEFUT

YOU
LOOK
EVEN
MORE
LIKE AN
OTHELLO
PIECE
NOW.

OH.

SPLSSH

FSSH

WHY
DON'T
WE GET
GOING?

WHY'RE
WE AT
THE
BEACH?

SHWAA



WHY
WOULDN'T
I BE?



I NEVER
THOUGHT
YOU'D
BE SO
INSECURE.



I'M
INSECURE,
HUH?



I
SEE.

FS

SS

HH



WOOOOW!



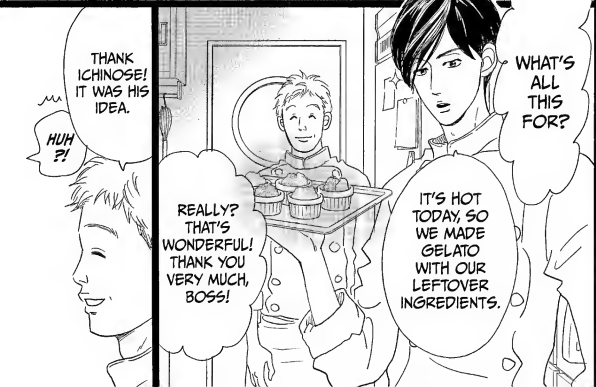
THANK
ICHINOSE!
IT WAS HIS
IDEA.

HUH
?!

REALLY?
THAT'S
WONDERFUL!
THANK YOU
VERY MUCH,
BOSS!

WHAT'S
ALL
THIS
FOR?

IT'S HOT
TODAY, SO
WE MADE
GELATO
WITH OUR
LEFTOVER
INGREDIENTS.







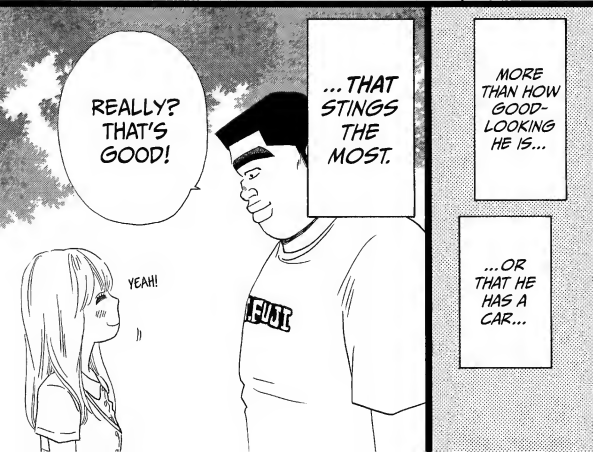




MY JOB
IS SO
FUN!



FUN,
HUH?



REALLY?
THAT'S
GOOD!

YEAH!

...THAT
STINGS
THE
MOST.

MORE
THAN HOW
GOOD-
LOOKING
HE IS...

...OR
THAT HE
HAS A
CAR...

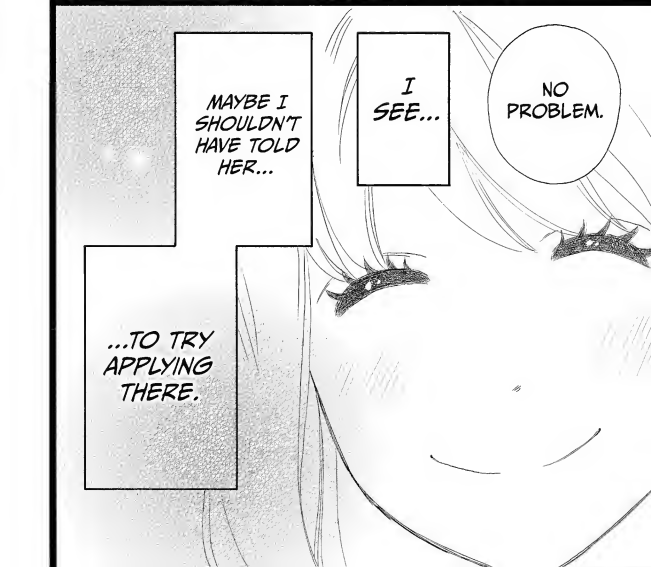


I'M GLAD
THINGS
WORKED
OUT THIS
WAY!

THANK
YOU,
TAKEO.

...I
WOULDN'T
HAVE
THOUGHT OF
GETTING A
JOB.

IF YOU
HADN'T
GIVEN
ME THAT
EXTRA
PUSH...



MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE TOLD
HER...

I
SEE...

NO
PROBLEM.

...TO TRY
APPLYING
THERE.

I CAN'T EVEN
TALK TO HER
ABOUT CAKE,
NEVER MIND
BAKE ONE.

...I'M
GLAD
SHE GOT
THE JOB.

BUT...

I WAS
SCARED
THE
GELATO
WOULD
MELT.

I WANTED
YOU TO TRY
THEM SO
BADLY!

I BROUGHT
YOU THE
BEST
FLAVOR!

BUT I'VE BEEN
HOLDING THEM
FOR A WHILE,
SO MY HANDS
ARE FROZEN.



I'M NOT
CONFIDENT
ENOUGH
IN MY
MANLINESS...

I'M SO
PETTY.

...SO
I CAN'T
SHARE HER
HAPPINESS
RIGHT NOW.

YAMATO
SEEMS
SO
HAPPY.

SQUEEZE

HA HA!
YOUR
HANDS
ARE NICE
AND
WARM.

NOTHING.
I'M GLAD
FOR YOU!

THAT'S
JUST
PATHETIC.

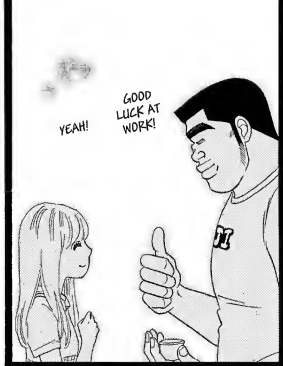
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WHAT'S
WRONG,
TAKEO?



THAT
GELATO
WAS
GREAT,
WASN'T
IT?

cherises



YEAH!

GOOD
LUCK AT
WORK!



ICHINOSE!

YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
GIFTED
AND HAD
EXCELLENT
TASTE,
BUT YOU
WERE TOO
FINICKY.

YOU
THINK
SO?

YOU
SURE
HAVE
CHANGED!

YOU
NEVER
USED TO
WANT TO
SELL YOUR
CAKES IN
THE SHOP.



THAT WAS
A GOOD
IDEA.

WHAT
MADE YOU
THINK OF
IT?



...AND
ASKED
MYSELF
WHAT
SHE'D
LIKE.

I
IMAGINED
THE PERSON
I WANTED TO
SEE EATING
IT...



WHAT
CHANGED
?

YOU'VE
IMPROVED
A LOT.

I NEVER
WOULD'VE
EXPECTED
ICHINOSE
TO MAKE A
SUGGESTION
LIKE THAT.

THAT
GELATO PARTY
YESTERDAY
SURE WAS FUN,
HUH?

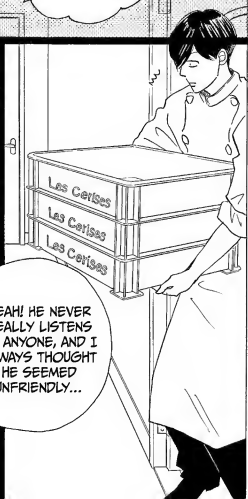


AND
HIS
FACE
DIDN'T
BREAK!

THAT
WAS THE
FIRST
TIME I
EVER
SAW HIM
SMILE!

...BUT SEEING
HIM TALK
TO YAMATO
MAKES ME
START TO
THINK HE'S A
NICE PERSON.

YEAH! HE NEVER
REALLY LISTENS
TO ANYONE, AND I
ALWAYS THOUGHT
HE SEEMED
UNFRIENDLY...



HAVE I
FINALLY
FOUND

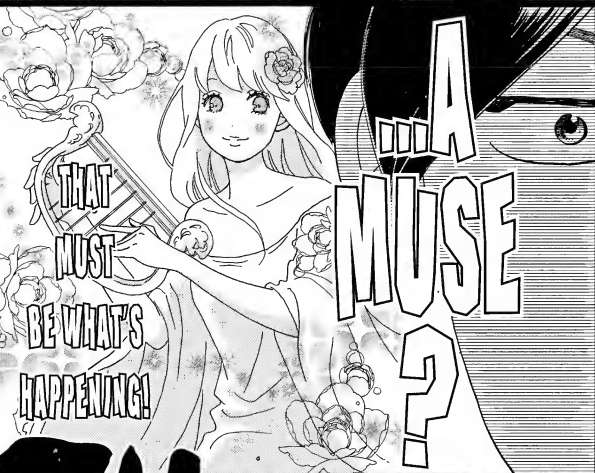
...

...

I
DONT
KNOW
IF I'D
GO
THAT
FAR.

ICHINOSE
IS PRETTY
GREAT,
HUH?

HA
HA
HA!



THAT
MUST
BE WHAT'S
HAPPENING!

SHWA AA

I
KIND OF
UNDER-
STAND, BUT
I DON'T
REALLY
GET WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

SORRY.

...THE
WAVES
WILL CARRY
MY PETTY
FEELINGS
OUT TO
SEA.

I
WONDER
IF...

FSSH

FSSH

HOW I
FEEL ISN'T
ANYONE'S
FAULT.

FSSH

FSSH

NAH, I
THINK
IT'S
PRETTY
NORMAL.

I'M TOO
SCARED TO
CALL HER BY
HER FIRST
NAME.

MOST GUYS
WOULDN'T
LIKE IT IF
ANOTHER
MAN WAS
HANGING
AROUND
THEIR
GIRLFRIEND.

IT'D BE
WEIRD
IF YOU
DIDN'T
MIND.

NORMAL
?!

IT'S SO
PATHETIC
TO FEEL
HURT
ABOUT IT.

I CAN'T
EVEN
MANAGE
SOMETHING
THAT
SIMPLE!

JUST...
REALIZING
YOU'RE A
NORMAL GUY.

WHAT
IS IT
?!

HEH

...

NIKE

YAMATO
IS
SWEET
AND
CUTE.

YEAH.

FSSHHH

IT MAKES
PERFECT
SENSE THAT
SOMEONE
ELSE
WOULD FALL
IN LOVE
WITH HER
TOO.

...I
KIND OF
FORGOT.

SINCE
MEETING
YAMATO...



"TAKEO..."

I NEVER
THOUGHT
ABOUT
THAT
BEFORE.

"TAKEO!"

SHE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
TALK ABOUT
MORE
THINGS
WITH
SOMEONE
ELSE.

"I
LOVE
YOU."

...THAT I
NEVER EVEN
CONSIDERED
THAT.

I WAS
ALWAYS
SO HAPPY
BEING WITH
HER...



THEY'VE ONLY
KNOWN EACH
OTHER FOR A
WEEK. PEOPLE
DON'T USUALLY
FALL IN LOVE
THAT FAST.

FSHH...

THERE'S NO
REASON TO
ASSUME THAT
PASTRY CHEF
IS INTERESTED
IN YAMATO.

SO THERE'S
NO NEED
TO BE SO
DEPRESSED.

ANYWAY...



MM-
HM.

...LOVE
YAMATO!

I...

I
SEE!

SO I
FIGURED
EVERYONE
ELSE WOULD
FALL IN LOVE
WITH HER
TOO!

MM.

THAT'S
TRUE!!

YUP.

YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT!

YEAH.



YEAH! I
SHOULD!

I'LL DO
MY BEST,
YAMATO!



OH,
THAT'S
HER.

EVERY-
ONE IS
DIFFER-
ENT.

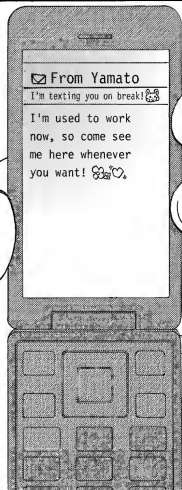
THAT'S
RIGHT.

FOR NOW,
MAYBE YOU
SHOULD
FOCUS ON
CALLING
HER BY
HER FIRST
NAME?



LET'S
GO
RIGHT
NOW!

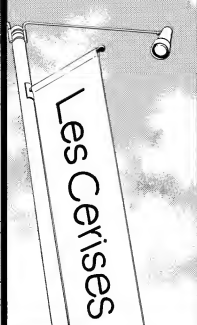
Let's Go



From Yamato

I'm texting you on break! 🐶

I'm used to work
now, so come see
me here whenever
you want! 🐶💕



ARE
THEY
HER
FRIENDS?

HEE HEE!
"SORRY TO
INTRUDE?"
YOU'RE SO
FUNNY!

HE'S
HUGE!

WHAT'S
WRONG,
TAKEO?

I'M JUST
KIND OF
NERVOUS.

WHICH
ONES
DO YOU
RECOM-
MEND?

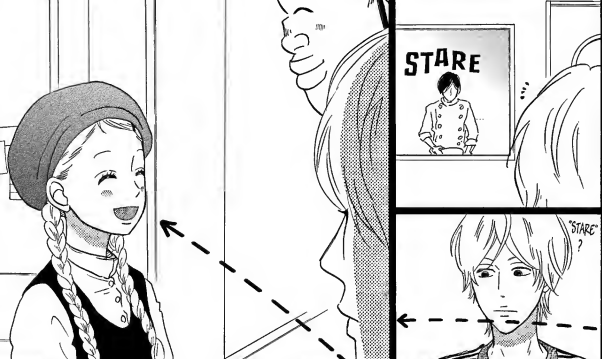
OKAY,
I'LL TAKE
A SLICE
OF THAT.

THE
SHORTCAKE
IS OUR MOST
POPULAR
ITEM!

HA
HA
HA!
HOW MANY
ARE YOU
GOING TO
BUY?

OKAY,
I'LL HAVE A
SLICE OF
THAT TOO.

BUT I
RECOMMEND
THIS ONE.





ACTUALLY...

OH!



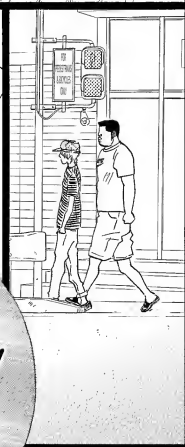
WERE
THOSE
FRIENDS
OF
YOURS?



...THAT
WAS MY
BOYFRIEND.

THE
BIGGER
GUY.







**I WANT
YOU TO
BREAK
UP WITH
RINKO!**



**SHE'D
BE WAY
BETTER
OFF
WITH
ME!**

**FOR
SURE!**

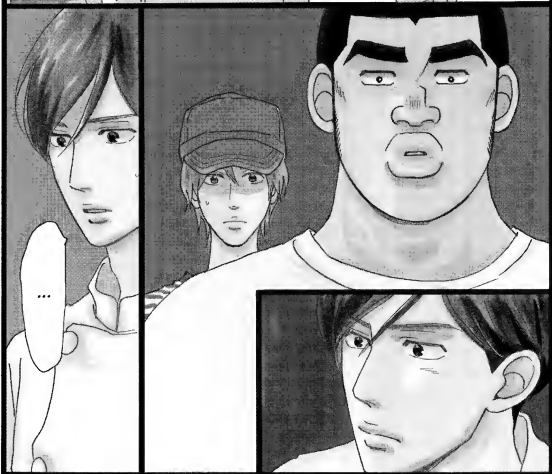


HEY,
SUNA...

HE
DOES...

GUESS
I WAS
WRONG.
SORRY.

...LOVE
YAMATO,
AFTER
ALL.



MY *Love* STORY!!



IT'S VOLUME 9!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



I never know what to write in these spaces. I always get the perfect idea after the book has been printed! But this time, I'm thrilled because this series is getting a movie! It's a reason to celebrate! I celebrated when it got an anime too. That's a lot of celebration for

My Love Story!! The second I was told who'd be in the movie, I sent Kawahara Sensei (←she was really busy at the time) an excited text message and gushed at her. I felt bad for bothering her, but she was glad to hear about it, so we got to be excited together. It's a time to be excited and happy! I'm really looking forward to the movie, and I hope tons of people enjoy it. That's my biggest dream for it.

Please keep following the anime and the manga. The anime's great, isn't it?!

Well, see you again in volume 10!

May 2015

Aruko



MY love **STORY!!**

THAT COULD
MEAN ANYTHING!
DROP COOKIES,
ICEBOX
COOKIES,
SABLÉ,
BISCOTTI...
THERE ARE SO
MANY VARIETIES!

"COOKIES"
?
WHAT
KIND?

I MADE
COOKIES
ONCE.

DO
YOU LIKE
MAKING
SWEETS?

RICE
CRACKERS
AREN'T
COOKIES!!

THEY
CAME OUT
LIKE RICE
CRACKERS.

RINKO
REALLY IS
BETTER
OFF WITH
ME!

RINKO
REALLY IS
BETTER
OFF WITH
ME!

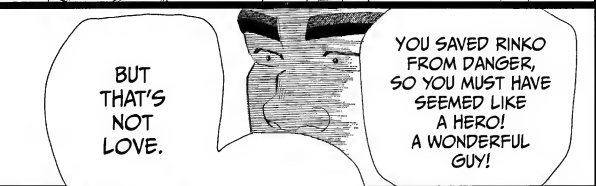


AHA!

I SEE
HOW IT
IS!

WELL, WE
MET WHEN
SHE WAS
BEING
HARASSED
BY A
PERVERT-

WHY
IS SHE
DATING
YOU,
ANYWAY?!



BUT
THAT'S
NOT
LOVE.

YOU SAVED RINKO
FROM DANGER,
SO YOU MUST HAVE
SEEMED LIKE
A HERO!
A WONDERFUL
GUY!



SHE'S
OBVIOUSLY
CONFUSED.

THAT'S
IT.

SINCE SHE'S
YOUNG AND
INEXPERIENCED,
SHE ASSUMED
WHAT SHE FELT
WAS LOVE.



SHE DOESN'T
REALIZE
THAT THERE
ARE MORE
APPROPRIATE
FISH IN THE
SEA!

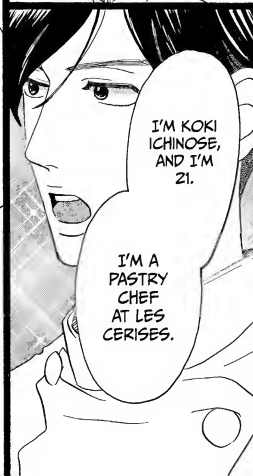


I'M
IN MY
SECOND
YEAR
OF HIGH
SCHOOL.

I'M
TAKEO
GODA.

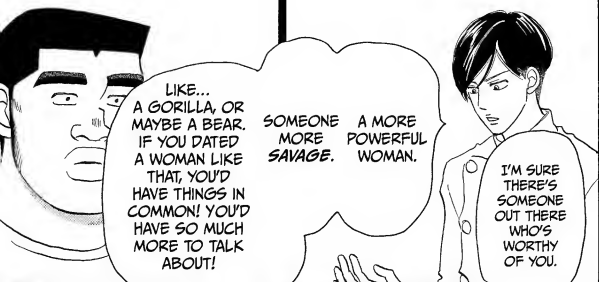


...



I'M KOKI
ICHINOSE,
AND I'M
21.

I'M A
PASTRY
CHEF
AT LES
CERISES.



...AND
HAVE
MORE
TO TALK
ABOUT...

WE'D HAVE
THINGS IN
COMMON...







...WOULD
YOU BREAK
UP WITH HER
IF THAT'S
WHAT **SHE**
WANTED?



IT'S UN-
REASONABLE
OF ME...

...AND
IT CAME
OUT OF
NO-
WHERE.

BUT...

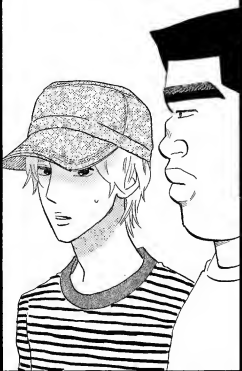


I
WON'T
LET
YOU
HAVE
HER!



I'LL
SHOW
BOTH
YOU AND
RINKO...

...WHO'S
MORE
WORTHY
OF HER
LOVE!



YOU
SHOULD'VE
TOLD HIM
OFF.



I THINK
MAYBE
HE HAS
A POINT.



NO...

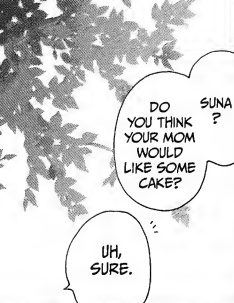
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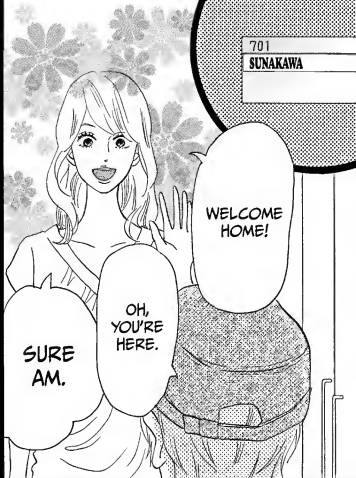


WHAT HE
SAID WAS
TRUE.

THERE
REALLY
MIGHT BE
SOMEONE
WHO'S
BETTER
SUITED FOR
HER.

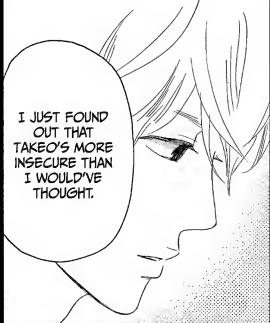
SHE
DOESN'T
HAVE MUCH
TO TALK TO
ME ABOUT.







DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN
TO
TAKEO
?!



I JUST FOUND
OUT THAT
TAKEO'S MORE
INSECURE THAN
I WOULD'VE
THOUGHT.

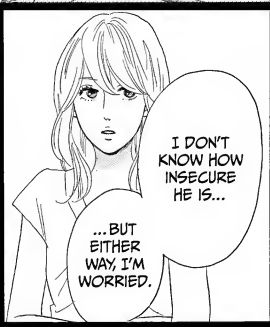


I THINK I
GET THE
PICTURE.

...AH, SO
THAT'S IT.



TAKEO
ALWAYS
PUTS OTHER
PEOPLE'S
INTERESTS
AHEAD OF
HIS.



I DON'T
KNOW HOW
INSECURE
HE IS...

...BUT
EITHER
WAY, I'M
WORRIED.



I'LL
RACE
YOU!

LET'S
GO
FOR A
WALK!

THEY WERE
ALWAYS
TOGETHER.

HE
LOVED
IT SO
MUCH.

BUT...

REMEMBER
THAT DOG
HE FOUND
WHEN
HE WAS
LITTLE?

YEAH,
I DO.

"LOOK, IT'S
GOT A COLLAR.
IT BELONGS TO
SOMEBODY."

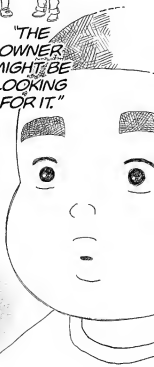


"THE
OWNER
MIGHT BE
LOOKING
FOR IT."

AND
WHEN HE
FOUND THE
OWNER...

WHEN HE
REALIZED IT
MIGHT HAVE
AN OWNER, HE
THREW HIMSELF
INTO LOOKING
FOR THAT
PERSON.

...TAKEO...

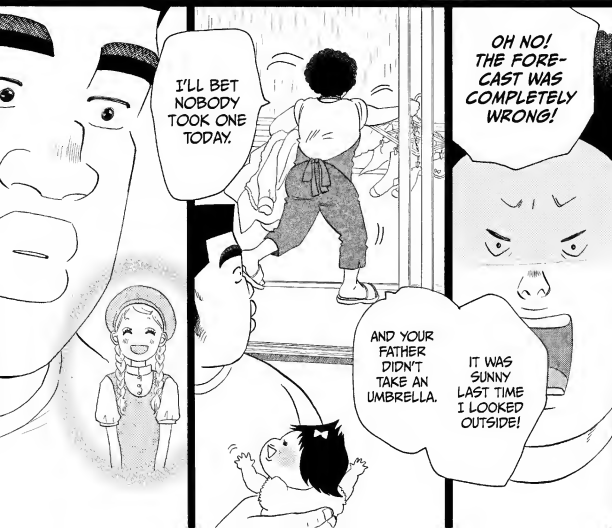




HE JUST SAID,
"I'M SO GLAD
THE DOG'S
GOING HOME."
REMEMBER?

...DIDN'T
LET
HIMSELF
CRY.

ZSSHHH

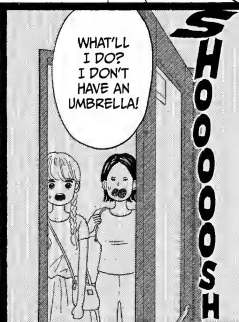
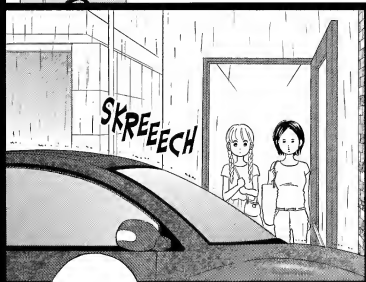


I'LL BET
NOBODY
TOOK ONE
TODAY.

OH NO!
THE FORE-
CAST WAS
COMPLETELY
WRONG!

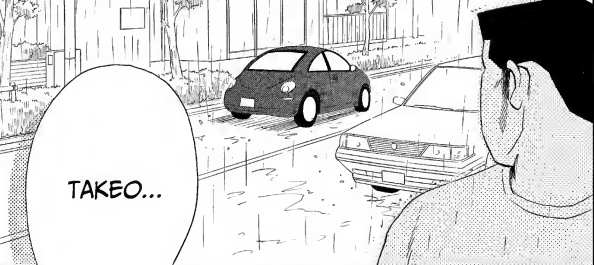
AND YOUR
FATHER
DIDN'T
TAKE AN
UMBRELLA.

IT WAS
SUNNY
LAST TIME
I LOOKED
OUTSIDE!

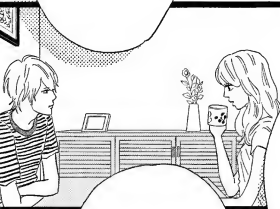








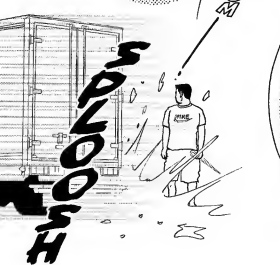
TAKEO...



HE TENDS
TO IGNORE
HIS OWN
FEELINGS.



...ALWAYS
SAYS HE'S
FINE AS
LONG AS
EVERYONE
ELSE IS
HAPPY.



IT'S ONE OF
THE GREAT
THINGS ABOUT
HIM, BUT IT'S
A WEAKNESS
TOO.



I'M GOING
TO THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE.

I FORGOT
TO BUY
MILK.



I'LL
GO GET
IT.



EVERYONE
HAS A
WEAKNESS.

LIKE
A SPOT
BEING
POKED.



I DON'T
THINK I'VE
EVER BEEN
SURPRISED
ENOUGH
TO YELL
BEFORE.

IS
THAT
MUD?

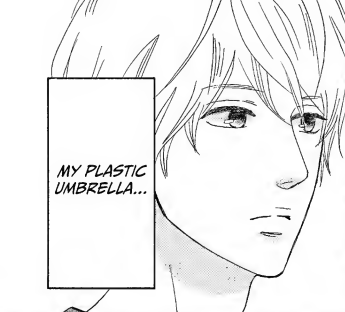


ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?



I'M
FINE.





MY PLASTIC
UMBRELLA...



AHH!

I'M HOME.

YAMA
GODAIL



HEY.

TAKEO?

G
RIIN
Incoming
call
Yamato

THANKS
FOR
COMING
TODAY!

NO
PROBLEM.



...WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
ENOUGH TO
KEEP HER
DRY.

SO IT'S
JUST AS
WELL.



HEY, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING THE
DAY AFTER
TOMORROW?



IT
WAS?
OH.

I GUESS I
WANTED TO
SEE YOU SO
BADLY THAT I
HALLUCINATED
YOU!

I THOUGHT I
SAW YOU IN
TOWN WHEN I
WAS HEADING
HOME. WERE
YOU THERE?

NO, IT WAS
JUST YOUR
IMAGINATION.



YAMATO...

TEE
HEE!

I REALLY
WANT TO
SEE YOU!

I DON'T
HAVE WORK
THAT DAY.
WANT TO
DO SOME-
THING?

WE
HAVEN'T
HAD A
CHANCE
TO HANG
OUT
LATELY.

I
LOVE
YOU.

I WANT TO
SEE YOU
TOO.



THAT'S
TRUE.

I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?

WHERE
SHOULD
WE GO?

I HOPE
WE'LL
HAVE A
FUN DAY.

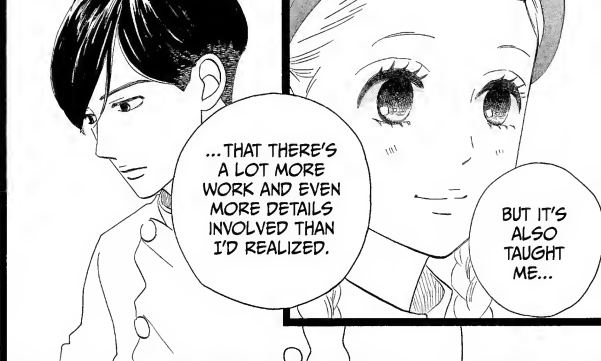
Les Ce

YEAH, IT'S
FUN! BEING
SURROUNDED
BY CAKE
MAKES ME
HAPPY.

YOU
REALLY
SEEM TO
LIKE IT
HERE!

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!





...THAT THERE'S
A LOT MORE
WORK AND EVEN
MORE DETAILS
INVOLVED THAN
I'D REALIZED.

BUT IT'S
ALSO
TAUGHT
ME...



DO YOU
WANT TO
ENTER
THIS?

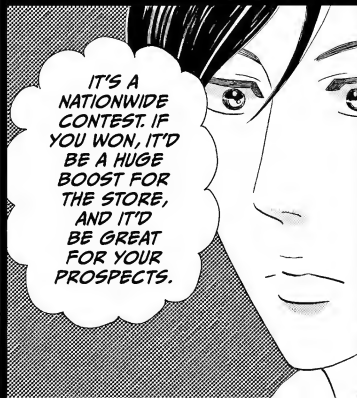
PASTRY CHEF
COMPETITION

I WAS
WONDER-
ING...



COMING
UP WITH
SOME-
THING
NEW?

OH!



IT'S A
NATIONWIDE
CONTEST. IF
YOU WON, IT'D
BE A HUGE
BOOST FOR
THE STORE,
AND IT'D
BE GREAT
FOR YOUR
PROSPECTS.



A JELLY,
HUH?
LOOKS
GOOD!

**MY
GOD-
DESS**

□□□

WHAT DO
YOU THINK?
WANT TO
GIVE IT A
TRY?

YOU SEEM
TO BE ON
A ROLL
LATELY.

I'D ENTER
MYSELF,
BUT IT'S
ONLY FOR
PEOPLE
UNDER 25.

WILL
YOU
HELP
ME
OUT?

WITH YOU
BY MY
SIDE, I'M
SURE I
CAN WIN!

RINKO!

Cherises

I'M GOING
TO ENTER A
PASTRY CHEF
COMPETITION.

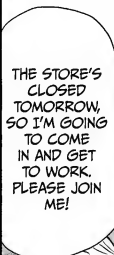
THAT'S
AMAZING!

I NEED TO
CREATE
AT LEAST
THREE
ORIGINAL
CAKES.

WHAT?



WELL,
TOMOR-
ROW
I'M—



THE STORE'S
CLOSED
TOMORROW,
SO I'M GOING
TO COME
IN AND GET
TO WORK.
PLEASE JOIN
ME!



OF COURSE!
I HOPE
I'M GOOD
ENOUGH!



**PLEASE!
MY CAREER
DEPENDS
ON IT!**

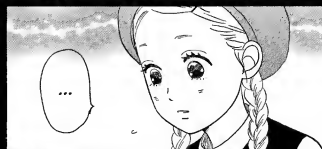


**THANK
YOU.**

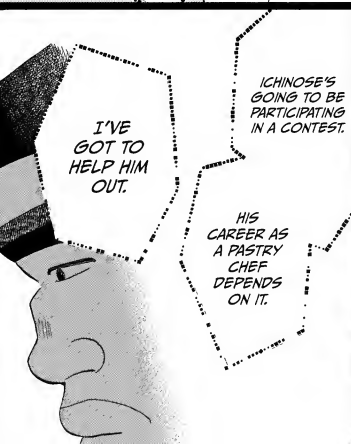


SHOULD
WE GO
TO THE
OCEAN?

OR THE
MOUNTAINS
?



**ALL
RIGHT!**





"I'M SO
GLAD..."

I GUESS
I'VE GOT TO
CHEER YOU
ON THEN.



I
SEE.

I'VE
GOT TO
SUPPORT
HER.

THIS IS
GOING
TO
DECIDE
SOME-
ONE'S
LIFE...

IT
CAN'T BE
HELPED.



OKAY.

HANG IN
THERE
UNTIL THE
CONTEST.



...

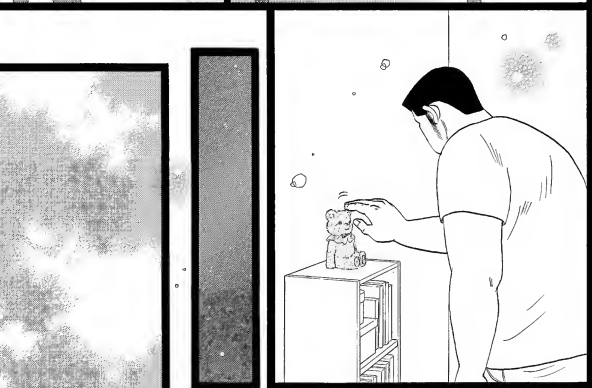


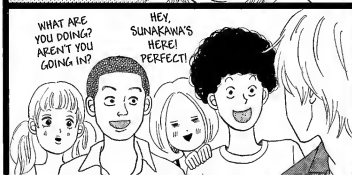
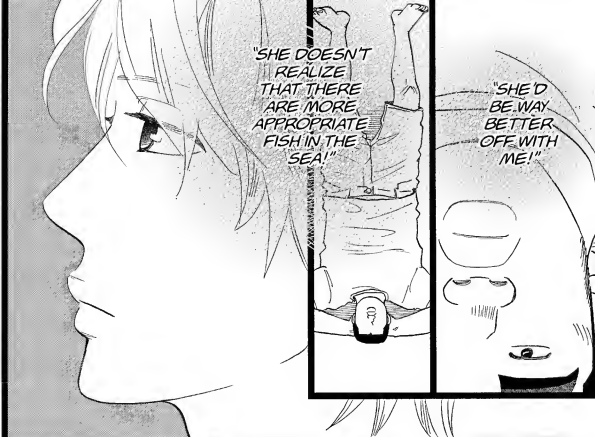


...BECAUSE
SHE DOES
STUFF LIKE
THIS.

I LOVE
YAMATO...

✉ From Yamato
The contest is coming up soon! ♡
The regional preliminaries
are in a week.
Sorry, Takeo. ☹
Thank you. 🐱
I wanted to see you so much! 🥰







YEAH,
LET'S.



LET'S
GO TO
THE
POOL!

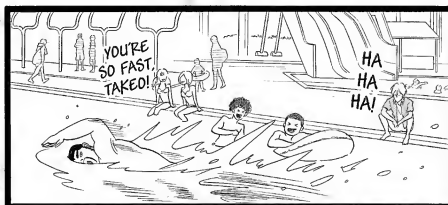


HEY,
YOU'VE
GOT FREE
TIME,
RIGHT?

IT'S BEEN
AGES
SINCE WE
HUNG OUT,
TAKED!

SINCE
RINKO'S
WORKING
AND ALL.

YEAH.



YOU'RE
SO FAST,
TAKED!

HA
HA
HA!



TAKED'S
LIKE
HACHIRO!

WHAT'S
HACHIRO
?

IT'S
A STORY
ABOUT
A HUGE
GUY WHO
CAN MOVE
MOUNTAINS.



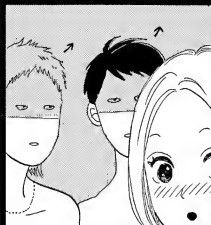
I'M
GONNA
TELL
THEM
SHE'S
WITH ME.

OH NO!
SOME
GUYS ARE
FLIRTING
WITH HER!



YEAH,
YEAH...

NANAKO
HAS GREAT
LEGS, HUH?
THEY'RE SO
BEAUTIFUL!



WHAT DO
YOU WANT
WITH MY
GIRL-
FRIEND?



HEY,
TAKEO,
CAN YOU
JUST
STAND
BEHIND
ME?



SCARY!

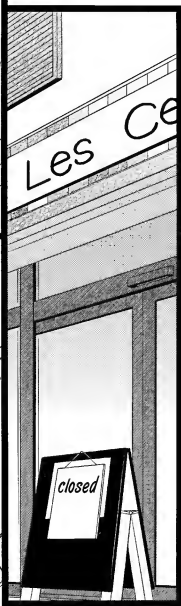
WAS
THAT HIS
BODY-
GUARD?

YEAH!

ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT
?
YOU'RE
SO COOL,
OSAMU!



HEY!





THEY'RE
POURING
OUT OF
ME!



IT'S SO
WONDERFUL!
I'D NEVER
COME UP WITH
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS. YOU'RE
A TRUE PRO-
FESSIONAL!

THE
IDEAS
JUST
KEEP ON
COMING
TODAY.

...I HAVE A
GODDESS BY
MY SIDE.



OKAY!



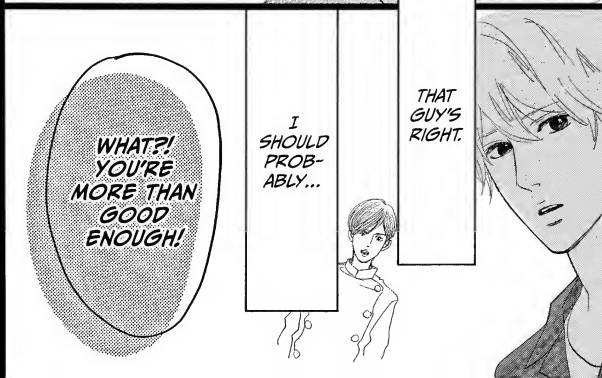
THERE'S
NOT MUCH
I CAN DO
BEFORE THE
CONTEST...
BUT I'LL
HELP IN ANY
WAY I CAN!

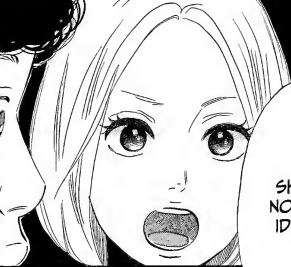


THAT'S
ALL
RIGHT.

I JUST
NEED YOUR
FEEDBACK.

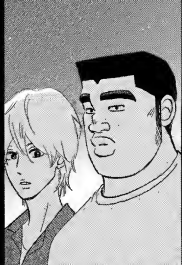




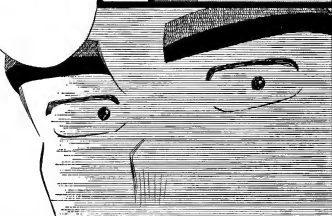


SHE'S
NOT AN
IDIOT!

AND
RINKO
KNOWS
WHAT
SHE'S
DOING.



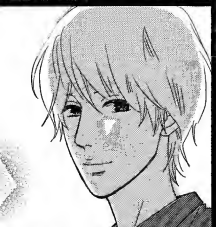
SHE'S MET
PLENTY OF
GUYS, AND
SHE CHOSE
YOU.



I...



SO EVEN IF
WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING IS
TRUE, SO
WHAT?



WHOO!

YOU JUST
WANTED
TO TALK
ABOUT YOUR
GIRLFRIEND,
HUH?

...DON'T
WANT
TO LET
SOMEONE
ELSE HAVE
HER.

NO
MATTER
HOW
AMAZING
HE IS...

EVEN
IF IT'S
SOME-
ONE I
CAN'T
COMPETE
AGAINST
...

...WHO
CAN DO
THINGS
I CAN'T
...

EVEN
IF IT'S
SOME-
ONE...

I...



NEXT
TIME,
LET'S
GO WITH
RINKO!

YEAH,
WE HAD
FUN
TOO!

THANKS
FOR
TODAY!

I'M
GOING
NOW!

SEE
YOU
LATER!



I...

...CAN
ONLY MAKE
COOKIES
THAT TURN
OUT LIKE
RICE
CRACKERS.

SORRY

WHEN I
HAD
FOLLOWED
THE RECIPE,
AND I THOUGHT
THEY
LOOKED A
LITTLE TOO
FAIR.

SORRY I
APPEARED
EVERYTHING
DO EVEN
RE MOVE



I CAN'T
EVEN
CALL HER
BY HER
FIRST
NAME...

I DON'T
HAVE A
CAR.

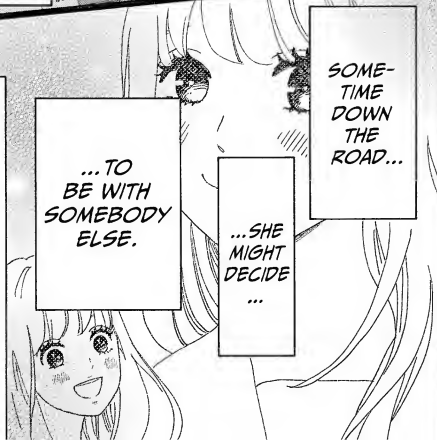


I DON'T
ALWAYS HAVE
SOMETHING
ENTERTAINING
TO TALK
ABOUT WITH
HER.



I'M
BEING
REALLY
SELFISH.

BUT
RIGHT
NOW...



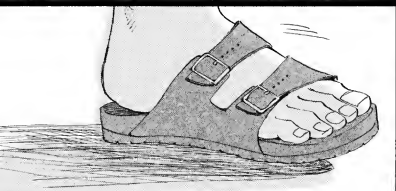
...TO
BE WITH
SOMEBODY
ELSE.

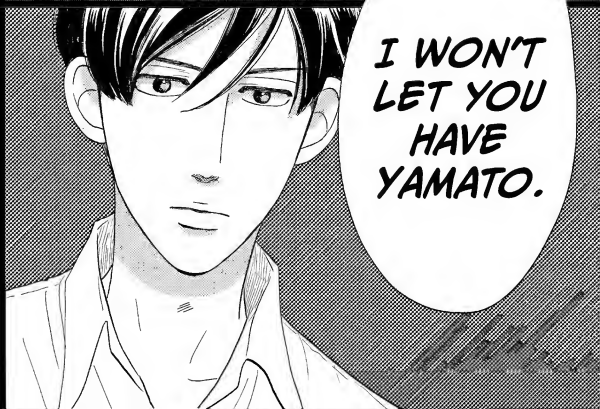
...SHE
MIGHT
DECIDE
...

SOME-
TIME
DOWN
THE
ROAD...



**...BEING
WITH ME
MAKES
HER
SMILE!**





**I WON'T
LET YOU
HAVE
YAMATO.**

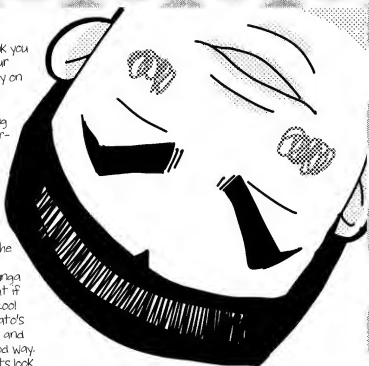


MU

Love
STORY!!

Hello! This is Kawahara, the *My Love Story!!* writer. Thank you for continuing to support our story! Somehow we're already on volume 9. It's really flown by! And now *My Love Story!!* is getting an anime! The opening and closing songs are wonderful, and I love the lyrics!

The art, the acting, the music, the directing... Everything about the anime is great. They've even created some scenes that don't exist in the manga. I think you'll enjoy it whether you've read the manga or not, so please check it out if you haven't already! It's so cool seeing Takeo in motion. Yamato's so cute! Sunakawa's so cool, and you feel bad for him in a good way. (laugh) And don't the desserts look delicious? I hope you'll enjoy the anime!



By the way, Main* is all grown up now. I recently saw her as a Sui Girl!** She's as cute as always. The current hosts and the previous hosts are all adorable. Wait, what am I talking about? Girls are so cute... or something like that.

*Haruka Fukuhara played a character known as Main on a children's cooking show called *Cooking lol Mail Mail Main!*

**Short for Suensaa Girl, the hosts of *Suensaa*, a scientific variety show.

I have a smartphone. Three years after I made the switch, it's basically a miniature gaming device.

I hope to see you again in volume 10!



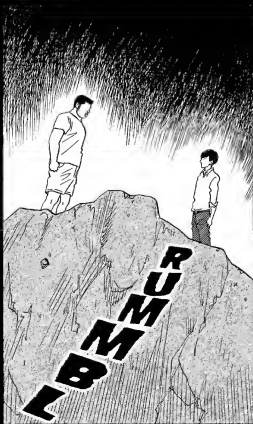
Thank you for all your help, Anko! ♥

This was Kazune Kawahara.

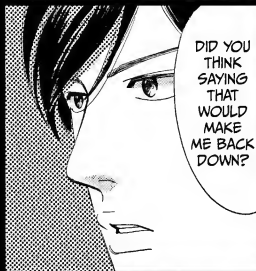




"I WON'T LET
YOU HAVE
YAMATO."



MY love **STORY!!**



DID YOU
THINK
SAYING
THAT
WOULD
MAKE
ME BACK
DOWN?



YOU WON'T
LET ME HAVE
RINKO?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

YOU CAME
ALL THIS WAY
TO TELL ME
THAT?



BUT I
WON'T
LET YOU
HAVE
HER.

NO, I
DIDN'T.

FWOOM



**YOU'RE
WRONG
!!**

**AND
THERE'S
NO
DOUBT
WHO'S
GOING
TO
WIN!**

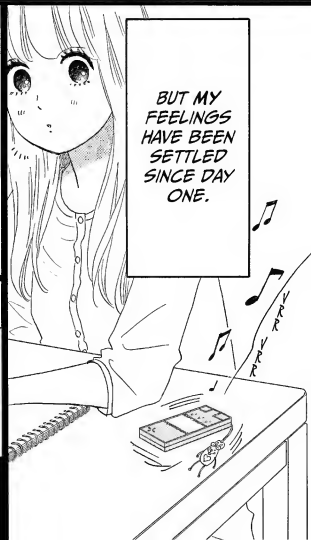
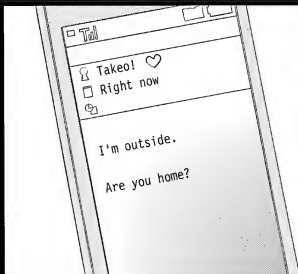
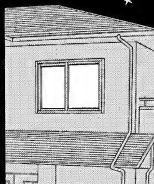


**I'LL TAKE
THAT AS A
CHALLENGE!**

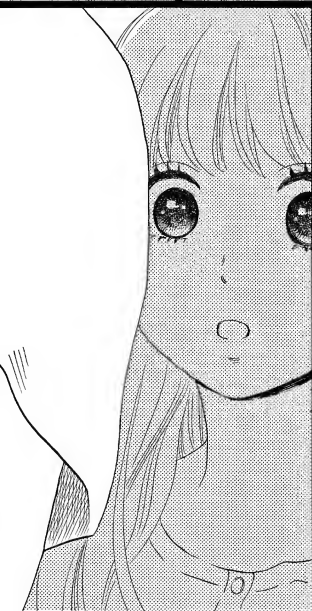
...TO
CONTROL
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
FEELINGS.

...IT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE...

NO
MATTER
WHAT...



BUT MY
FEELINGS
HAVE BEEN
SETTLED
SINCE DAY
ONE.







I LOVE
YOU SO
MUCH!

SAME
HERE!



DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

YOU
SHOULD
DO WHAT
YOU THINK
IS BEST
FOR YOU.

TAKEO
...

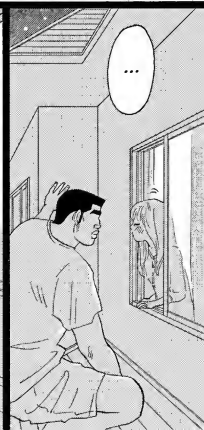
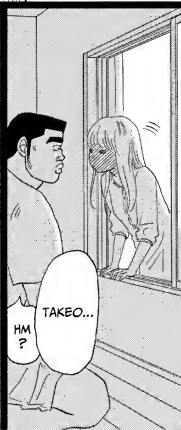
I'M SORRY
ABOUT TODAY.
I CANCELED
OUR PLANS...

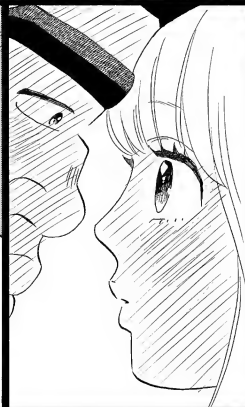


ARE YOU
HAVING FUN
HELPING OUT
WITH THE
COMPETITION?

WELL, I'M
HAVING FUN,
BUT I DON'T
THINK I'M
ALL THAT
HELPFUL.

I'M
SURE
YOU
ARE.







...BUT...

I SURE
LOOKED
PATHETIC
BACK
THERE...



...I'LL
NEVER
WALK
AWAY
FROM
HER.

...AS
LONG
AS
YAMATO
STILL
LOVES
ME...

701

SUNAKAWA

BUT THE
THING IS...

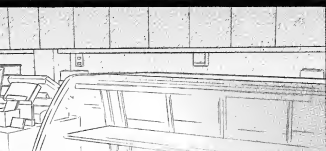




IT
MIGHT
NOT
BE ALL
RIGHT!

☑ From Yamato

I'm going to spend the evening working
with Ichinose at the shop after it closes.
Thank you for yesterday! ㊗️㊗️
I was so glad to see you! ㊗️㊗️㊗️
I'll do my best! p(^_^)q㊗️㊗️







ANY
SHAPE
YOU
LIKE.

COULD
YOU PIPE
OUT THAT
MERINGUE
?



S
H
U
T

HUH?
HOW
DO YOU
WANT IT
?



...
IS
SOMEONE
THERE?



NO PROBLEM.
YOU MIGHT
GET ARRESTED
IF YOU'RE BY
YOURSELF.

SORRY FOR
MAKING YOU
COME WITH
ME, SUNA.



THAT'S
JUST
SAD!

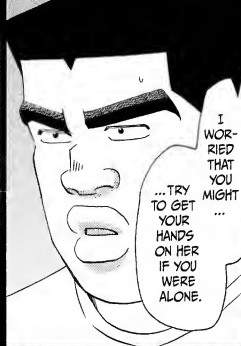
WHOA!

ARE YOU
HERE
TO GET
BETWEEN
ME AND
RINKO
?!



IF ANYTHING
STRANGE IS
GOING ON,
I NEED TO
BE ABLE TO
SAVE HER!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



I
WOR-
RIED
THAT
YOU
MIGHT
...

NO!

...TRY
TO GET
YOUR
HANDS
ON HER
IF YOU
WERE
ALONE.



NOW PLEASE
GO AWAY.
I HAVE TO
FOCUS ON THE
COMPETITION
RIGHT NOW!

REALLY
?!



I WOULD
NEVER
TOUCH HER
UNLESS OUR
FEELINGS
WERE
MUTUAL!

DON'T
INSULT
ME!



SO... YOU
WON'T LAY
A HAND
ON HER,
RIGHT?

"SNACK"?!
IT'S THE
C'EST
NOUVEAU
PÂTISSIER
CONCOURS!

IS THAT THE
JAPANESE
SNACK
COMPETITION
THAT YAMATO
MENTIONED
?



NON!



THIS IS A
CRITICAL
TIME.



I
BELIEVE
YOU.

ALL
RIGHT.

NO,
THEY'RE
NOT
!!

↑
READ SOME
OF HIS
THOUGHTS.

I THINK
OUR
FEELINGS
ARE
PRETTY
MUCH
MUTUAL,
THOUGH.

OF
COURSE NOT.
THIS HAS
TO UNFOLD
PROPERLY.



I'M GOING TO
WIN THE GOLD
MEDAL AT THIS
COMPETITION.

HEY.

LET'S
GO,
SUNA.



...I'LL
TELL
RINKO
HOW I
FEEL.

AND
WHEN I
DO...



...BUT
RINKO IS
MY MUSE.



EVERYTHING
STARTED
GOING RIGHT
FOR ME WHEN
SHE CAME INTO
MY LIFE.

I
DON'T
THINK
YOU HAVE
SUCH FINE
SENSIBILITIES...

THE
WORLD
BEGAN TO
CHANGE.
A FEELING
LIKE THIS
MAY BE
BEYOND
YOU...



YOU'RE
TALKING
OUT
LOUD.

WHEN I
OPEN MY
OWN SHOP,
I WANT HER
THERE TO
INSPIRE
ME.



...YOUR
LAST DAY
AS HER
BOYFRIEND.

I WON'T
LET YOU
HAVE
HER!



AND
THAT
DAY
WILL
BE...

I'LL WIN
THE GOLD
MEDAL AT THE
COMPETITION
AND PROVE
MYSELF TO
YOU!



YOU'RE
JUST
ACTING
TOUGH.

...
HMPH.

...AT THE
COMPETITION.



GOOD
LUCK...



SO I REALLY
WOULD LIKE
HIM TO WIN
GOLD.

BUT
EVEN
IF HE
DOES...

...I
WON'T
LOSE
TO HIM.



WHY ARE YOU
ENCOURAGING
HIM?

HE MUST BE
WORKING
HARD EVERY
DAY—
EVEN ON
WEEKENDS.

HIS
CAREER
MUST BE
AT STAKE.

BY
THE WAY,
WHAT'S A
MUSE?

SOME
KIND OF
GODDESS.

I
SEE.

WHY
ARE
YOU
LAUGH-
ING?

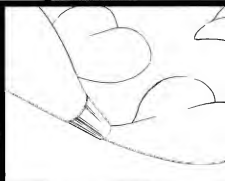
GOOD
LUCK WITH
THAT.

TO
CALL
YAMATO
BY HER
FIRST NAME.

PFT!

TO DO
WHAT?
WIN A
GOLD
MEDAL
?

I NEED
TO TRY
MY
BEST
TOO.







...AND
REALIZE HOW
IMPORTANT
IT IS.

YOU OPENED
THE DOOR
FOR ME TO
REMEMBER
THAT
HAPPINESS...

WHEN YOU
BOUGHT MY
CAKES, IT
MADE ME
HAPPY.

WHENEVER
I SAW
WONDERFUL
CAKES, IT'D
MAKE ME
WANT TO
MAKE SOME
TOO.



YOU
ARE MY
MUSE.



HUH?

NO WAY!
I DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING!

WHAT
?!







IT NEEDS
TO LEAVE AN
UNFORGETTABLE
IMPACT!



IT NEEDS
PERSONALITY!

A FLAVOR
YOU WANT
TO KEEP
REVISITING!



THAT'S IT,
RINKO!



REALLY?
WOW!

YOU
DID
IT!



I THINK I
CAN MAKE
IT!

I'VE
THOUGHT
OF
SOME-
THING!



RINKO...

I'M
GOING
NOW.



OKAY!
I UNDER-
STAND.
GOOD
LUCK.



OH, IT'S
GOTTEN
SO LATE.
YOU
SHOULD
HEAD
HOME.

I'M GOING
TO START
BRINGING
MY IDEA TO
LIFE!



...THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
TELL YOU.

ONCE
THE COM-
PETITION
IS OVER...

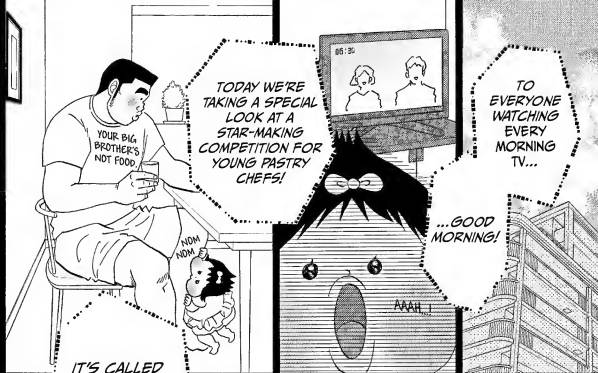
I THINK OUR
FEELINGS ARE
ALREADY
MUTUAL.

K-
A-
C-
H-
A-
K

...

OKAY!
GOT IT!

HANG IN
THERE.



YOUR BIG
BROTHER'S
NOT FOOD.

TODAY WE'RE
TAKING A SPECIAL
LOOK AT A
STAR-MAKING
COMPETITION FOR
YOUNG PASTRY
CHEFS!

TO
EVERYONE
WATCHING
EVERY
MORNING
TV...

...GOOD
MORNING!

AAAH!

IT'S CALLED
THE C'EST
NOUVEAU
PÂTISSIER
CONCOURS.



THERE ARE
ALREADY MORE
THAN 3,000
PARTICIPANTS
FROM ACROSS
THE COUNTRY!

THAT'S
ICHINOSE'S
CONTEST...

DING
DONG

IT TAKES
A LOT
TO EVEN
PARTICI-
PATE...

TAKED,
COULD
YOU GET
THAT?

OKAY.

THAT'S
AMAZING.

IT'S TOUGH!
YOU CAN'T EVEN
ENTER THE
QUALIFIERS IF
YOU DON'T HAVE
A SPONSOR!

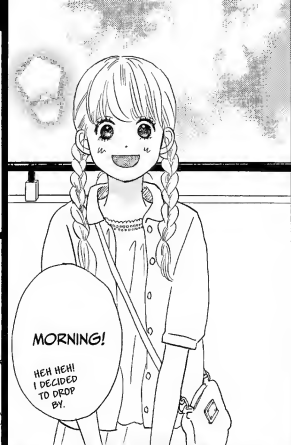
WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
THE DISCOVERY
OF A NEW
WORLD-FAMOUS
PASTRY CHEF.





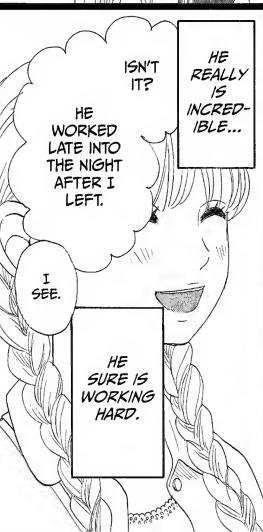
I'M
GOING
AFTER
THIS.

WHAT
ABOUT
WORK?



MORNING!

HEH HEH!
I DECIDED
TO DROP
BY.



ISN'T
IT?

HE
REALLY
IS
INCRED-
IBLE...

HE
WORKED
LATE INTO
THE NIGHT
AFTER I
LEFT.

I
SEE.

HE
SURE IS
WORKING
HARD.



OH?

THEY'RE
SO CUTE.
8m

THESE ARE
MERINGUES
I MADE
YESTERDAY.



AND THIS
IS THE ONE
ICHINOSE
MADE.

IT'S
AMAZING
!!!



TAKEO...

UM...



YEAH.

HA-
HAI!

I HOPE
HE WINS
A GOLD
MEDAL.



I
WONDER
IF...

...ONCE THE
COMPETITION'S
OVER.

ICHINOSE
SAID HE
WANTS TO
TELL ME
SOME-
THING...



IT'S A REALLY
TEMPTING IDEA,
BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO!

YAMATO

...



...HE'S
GOING TO
ASK ME
TO WORK
FULL-TIME?

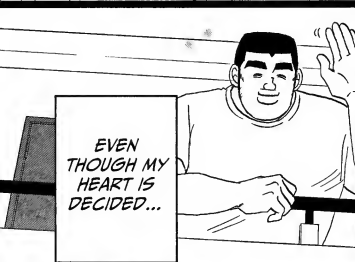


GOOD
LUCK
HELPING
HIM OUT.

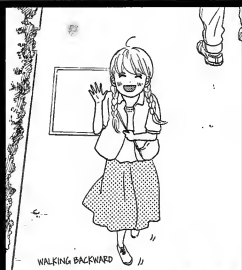
THANKS.

...BUT
SHE'S A
GOOD
MATCH
FOR ME
THERE.

I'M
PRETTY
DENSE...



EVEN
THOUGH MY
HEART IS
DECIDED...



WALKING BACKWARD



...GO
BE WITH
ANOTHER
MAN.

I'M STILL
NOT FINE
WITH LETTING
YAMATO...



SHE
DOESN'T
SEEM TO.

BUT YAMATO
DOESN'T HAVE
ANY FEELINGS
FOR HIM,
RIGHT?

THAT'S
ONLY
NATURAL.



YOU
SHOULD
JUST TELL
HER NOT
TO GO.

SHWIP!

NO, I
CAN'T.

KA-
CHAK

TWITCH



BUT...

...I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN...

...WHEN
SHE FINDS
OUT HOW
HE FEELS...





IT
SEEMS
LIKE A
WASTE,
BUT I
WANT
TO TRY
THEM!



THEY'RE SO
WONDERFUL!
THEY'RE
GLEAMING!

WANT A
TASTE?

**YEAH,
I DO!**



IT'S ALL
POSSIBLE
BECAUSE
YOU
WERE MY
MUSE.

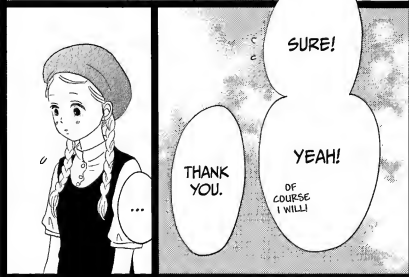
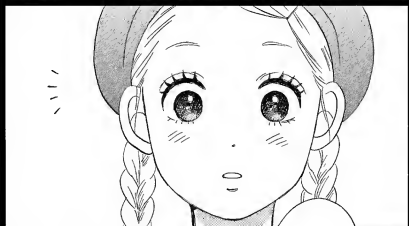


THANK
YOU.

I...

...FEEL
LIKE I
HAVE A
REAL
SHOT AT
THE GOLD
MEDAL.

I
THINK
YOU
DO
TOO.



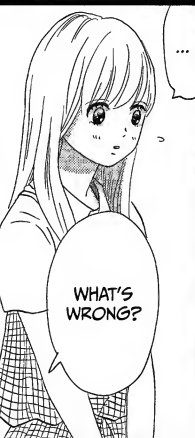
TODAY IS THE SNACK COMPETITION.

...

...I...

THAT
GUY'S
GOING
TO TELL
YAMATO
HOW HE
FEELS
ABOUT
HER...

IF
YAMATO'S
FEELINGS
ARE
SWAYED
BY THAT...





UM...
JUST A
HUNCH!

THAT'S
RIGHT!
HOW
DID YOU
KNOW?!



LIKE A
MUSE,
HUH?

IT'S JUST...
IT'S ABOUT
THE COMPE-
TITION.

ICHINOSE
TALKS ABOUT
ME LIKE
I'M REALLY
POWERFUL.



I DON'T
HAVE ANY
POWER LIKE
THAT. I'M
TOTALLY
AVERAGE.

BUT I'M
NOT A
MUSE.

702
GODA!!



YEAH!

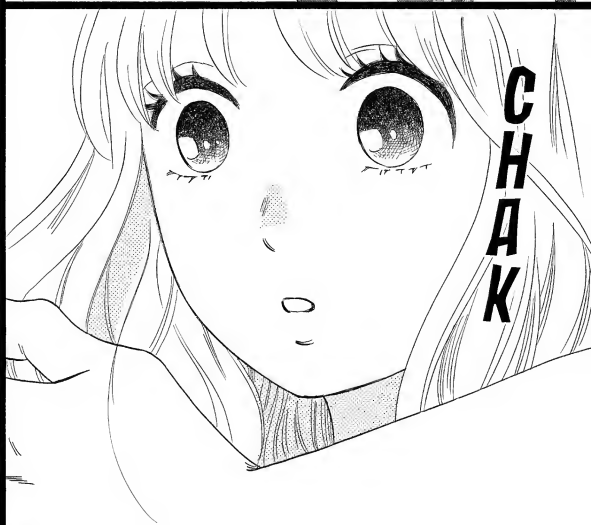
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

THAT'S
RIGHT!



IS THAT A
LOT OF
PRESSURE
ON YOU?





I DON'T
WANT
HER TO
BE WITH
ANYONE
ELSE.



I
LOVE
HER.

I DON'T
WANT TO
LET HER
LEAVE.



I WANT
HER TO
ALWAYS
BE WITH
ME,
SMILING.

T-
TAKEO?

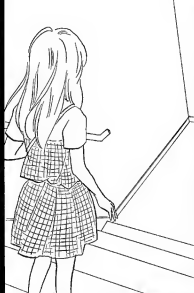


GOOD
LUCK!
I'M SURE
YOU'LL
WIN!



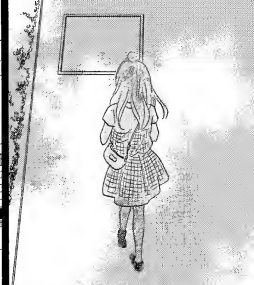
WE'LL
BRING
HOME
THE
GOLD!

HA
HA!



IT MADE
MY HEART
RACE.

THAT
DIDN'T
MAKE
ME FEEL
RELIEVED.



TO BE CONTINUED...





MY *love*
STORY!!



MAKOTO,
THESE ARE
YOUR OLD
AWARDS
AND STUFF.

I WANT
YOU TO
SORT THEM
BASED ON
IF THEY
MAKE YOU
FEEL HAPPY
OR NOT.

*KONMARI IS SHORT FOR MARIE KONDO,
AN ORGANIZING CONSULTANT.


Certificate of Merit
Second Year, Group 1
Makoto Sunakawa
For remembering to do your
homework every day for
the entire semester.

NO, YOU
NEED TO
LOOK AT
THEM!

THERE MUST
BE SOME
YOU WANT
TO KEEP!

I DON'T
NEED ANY
OF THEM.

Anthology

RESEARCH

OH...



OH,
WOW!



THIS IS
CALLED
"CHICAGO
MIX."
I WANTED
TO SEE IF
I COULD
MAKE IT!

I
LOOKED
IT UP.
ONLINE.
GETTING
THE
CHEESE
FLAVOR
RIGHT WAS
REALLY
TRICKY!

SHE
WAS
SUR-
PRISED,
HUH?

...BUT
I WAS
SURPRISED
AT HOW
WELL
THEY GO
TOGETHER!

WHEN I FIRST
HEARD ABOUT
CHICAGO MIX,
I THOUGHT
CHEESE AND
CARAMEL
WOULD TASTE
BETTER
SEPARATELY...

YEAH.

I LIKE SALTED
POPCORN,
BUT CARAMEL
POPCORN
IS PRETTY
YUMMY TOO,
DON'T YOU
THINK?



YOU LOVE
POPCORN,
DON'T
YOU?



TCH!

OOPS...

IT WAS
OBVIOUS.

I SHOULD'VE
REALIZED
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN IF I
MOVED THE
POPCORN
THAT
QUICKLY.

THAT'S
TRUE.

LIKE
THIS.

BUT YOU
CAN ALSO
JUST PUT
YOUR HAND
OVER IT.

IT'S FINE!
YOU SAVED
IT FROM THAT
BIRD!

SORRY!
YOU
WORKED
SO HARD
TO MAKE
THIS.



WHAT
WUSSES!

WHY'RE
YOU SO
SCARED
?!

CHECK
IT OUT!

GROSS! EW!

GO
AWAY!

AAAH!

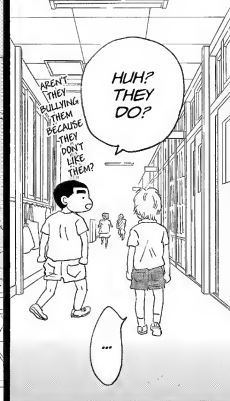
I'VE...

...NEVER...

...PUT
ENOUGH
THOUGHT
INTO
THINGS.







SO THAT
I DON'T
FORGET
IT...

HOMework

YOU WORK
SO HARD
EVERY DAY!
IT'S VERY
IMPRES-
SIVE!

SUNAKAWA,
IF YOU
REMEMBER
TO TURN
IN YOUR
HOMework
TOMORROW,
YOU'LL WIN
AN AWARD!



OKAY!

SNAP

...I'LL PUT
IT IN MY
BAG...



HA
HA
HA

HOW
DO YOU
ALWAYS
REMEM-
BER? IT'S
AMAZING.

SUNA...

CHATTER
CHATTER

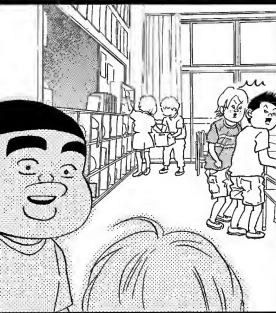
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YEAH.

GOOD POINT!
ALL RIGHT,
I WON'T
FORGET!
STAYING
AFTER
SCHOOL IS
AWFUL!

WHY NOT
SORT
THAT OUT
THE NIGHT
BEFORE
TOO?

AND YOU DON'T
FORGET IT WHEN
YOU'RE PACKING
SCHOOL
STUFF IN THE
MORNING?



LET'S
PUT IT
BACK
IN HIS
DESK!

HEH
HEH!

I FOUND
TAKEO'S
HOMEWORK.

HOMEWORK









WE TOOK
IT OUT OF
THE BLUE
FOLDER
RIGHT?
AND
STUCK
IT IN HIS
DESK...

HUH?
HOW'D
THAT
HAPPEN
?!

OH, YOU
FOUND
IT.

IT WAS
CRUMPLED
UP UNDER
EVERY-
THING.

THAT
WAS
MINE.

MY
PRINT-
OUT'S
GONE.

GET
BACK
HERE!

GAAAH!
LET'S
SPLIT UP!

Y-YOU BIG
DUMMY!
HOW
WERE WE
SUPPOSED
TO KNOW?!

THAT'S
OKAY. IT'S
NO BIG
DEAL IF I
MISS ONE
DAY.

YOU
CAN
HAVE
MINE!

HERE!

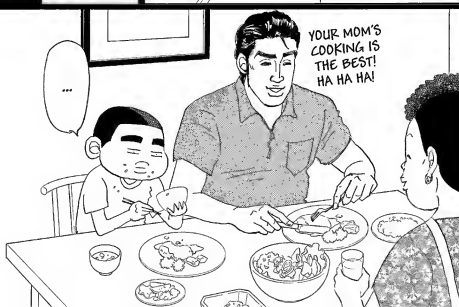
AW,
MAN!

YOU'D
BE IN WAY
MORE
TROUBLE
THAN ME.

UM,
SUNAKAWA
...?

DASH

SEE
YOU!



SURE...

YOUR
BOWL IS
EMPTY.

TAKED,
DON'T
YOU WANT
SECONDS
?

THOSE
GUYS WERE
TRYING TO
GET BACK
AT ME.

I CAN'T
LEAVE
NOW!

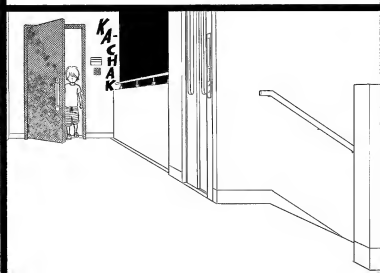
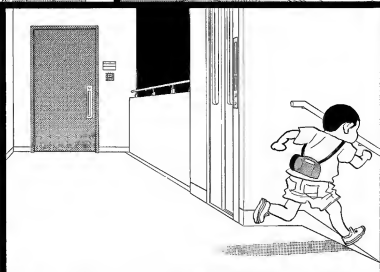
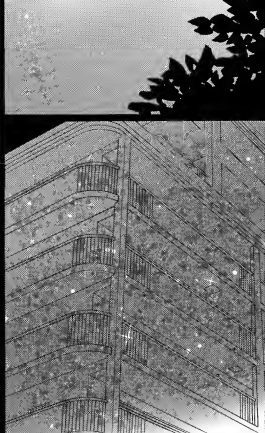
WHAT
ABOUT
YOUR
HOME-
WORK?

THEY'RE
THE
ONES
WHO DID
SOME-
THING
BAD...

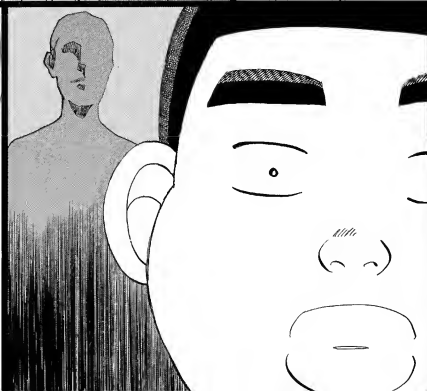
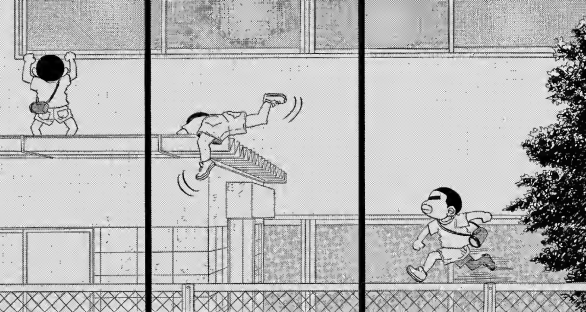
BUT
IT'S
MY
FAULT.

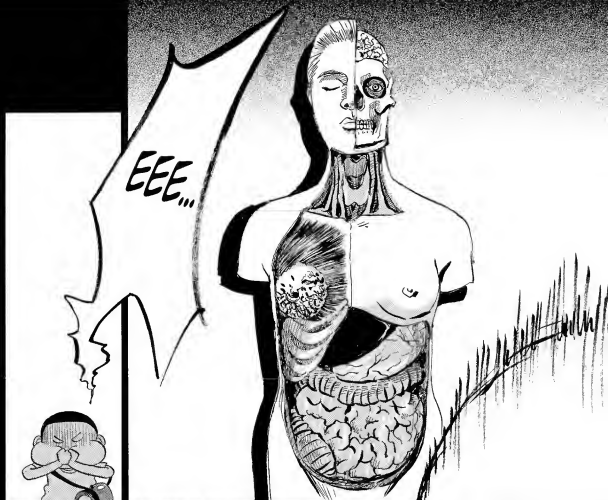
"WANT
TO WORK
ON IT/
TOGETHER?"

SUNA
WAS JUST
ONE DAY
AWAY
FROM
GETTING
AN
AWARD.









EEE...

...CREEPY
AT NIGHT.

THE
HALLWAY
SURE
IS...

SCIENCE ROOM

CALM DOWN...!
IF I JUST
EXPLAIN, EVEN A
GHOST WOULD
UNDERSTAND,
RIGHT...?

DASH



SWIP



RUSTLE

DID
SOME-
THING
MOVE?!
IS SOME-
THING
THERE?!

WHAT
WAS
THAT
?!
?



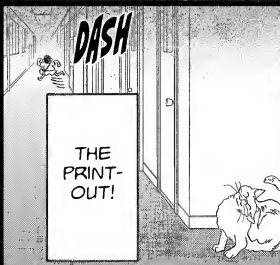
I DON'T
WANNA
RUN INTO
ZOMBIES!



LOOM

THAT'S
NOT A
HUMAN,
IS IT?!

IS IT A
ZOMBIE
?!





(HE STUCK THE PLASTIC WRAPPER FROM HIS LUNCH BREAD INTO HIS DESK BECAUSE HE WAS TOO LAZY TO THROW IT AWAY.)

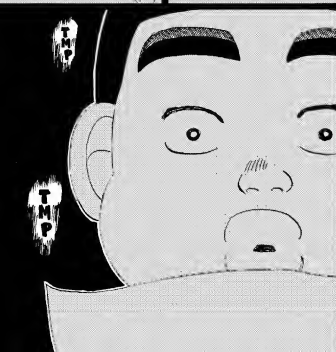
IT'S MY DESK...

NEXT TIME, I'LL THROW IT AWAY.



IT'S THE PRINT-OUT!

I FOUND IT!



HEADING
THIS
WAY?!

WHY ARE
THEY
COMING
THIS
WAY?!

TMP

A WHOLE
GANG OF
ZOMBIES
?!
TMP

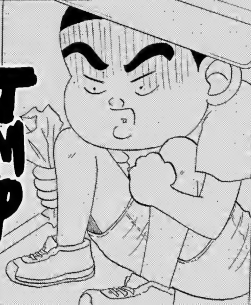


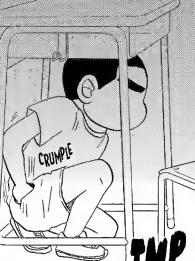
AM I
GONNA
BE A
ZOMBIE
TOO?!

ARE
THEY
GOING
TO EAT
ME?!

DO
THEY
SMELL
SOME-
THING
?!
TMP

TMP





I CAN'T
LET
THEM
GET ME.

TMP

TMP

TMP

NO!
I CAN'T
LET
THAT
HAPPEN!



TMP

I NEED TO
GET THE
PRINTOUT
TO SUNA!



GRAB

TMP

FLASH

Z
W
A
K

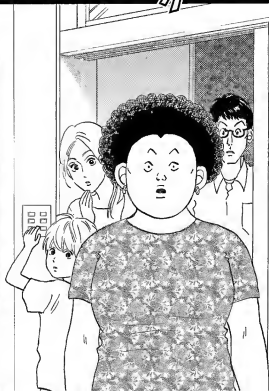
CLASS
GOAL

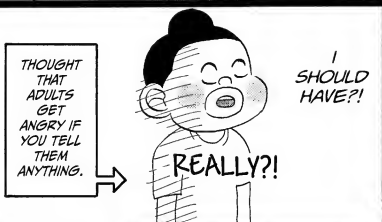
TIDINESS
INITIATIVE

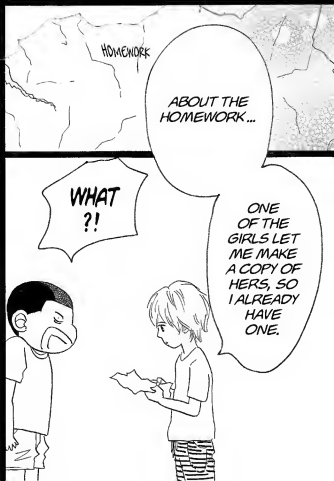
MORNING
GREETING

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TIME TO
TURN
IN YOUR
HOME-
WORK!

THOSE
ARE GOOD
IDEAS...

MAKING
COPIES...

TELLING AN
ADULT...

...BUT I'VE
NEVER
BEEN
GOOD AT
THINKING
FIRST.





I KNOW I
SHOULD
THINK
FIRST...

I JUST
REACT
BEFORE I
CAN THINK.

SORRY...



BUT...

...I REALLY
LOVE THAT
ABOUT
YOU.





DOES THAT
CERTIFICATE
MAKE YOU
HAPPY?

...GOING
TO KEEP
THIS ONE.

I'M...

State of Merit
2nd Year, Group 1
Sunakawa
remembering to
work every
the entire semester



YEAH.

IT
MEANS
A LOT
TO ME.



AMAZING!

ALL
RIGHT!
I'M
LEARNING!

THE END

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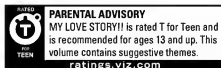
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Isn't it fun to
discover something
that you love? (o>ω<o)
I hope that My Love Story!!
becomes one of
those things.
- Kazune Kawahara

(K)

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Hare* (Clear After the Rain). Her
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laughing and getting lost.

KAZUNE KAWAHARA is from
Hokkaido Prefecture in Japan
and was born on March 11
(a Pisces!). She made her manga
debut at age 18 with *Kare no
Ichiban Sukina Hito* (His Most
Favorite Person). Her best-selling
shojo manga series *High School
Debut* is available in North
America from VIZ Media! Her
hobby is interior redecorating.

My Love Story!! is
being made into a movie!
I'm very glad that I can keep
announcing good news in this
section. Now about the cover
for volume 9... I had Takeo
dress up as a certain character.
What'll happen in volume 10?
I'm getting excited!

- Aruko

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